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1. There was an individual "iron ration" kept in supply in the 62nd Inf. Regt. (enough for three days). It consisted of chocolate, dried grain and vegetables for soup, dried beans, sugar, coffee, a biscuit, preserved meat /Spam/, and 30 to 40 cigarettes. The ration was placed in a thick paper box which was covered with paraffin paper and wrapped in cellophane. It was square and weighed approximately 2½ kg. These rations would be issued during an active alert and to combat units on the front line.
2. Officers had a better diet than enlisted personnel. After eating a meal, the officers were slightly hungry; EM did not get half enough to eat.
3. Company mobile field kitchens consisted of wagons upon which four cooking kettles were placed. Companies had wagons with four small kettles used respectively for soup, potatoes, coffee, and hot water (used for filling canteens). The wagon had two wheels with wooden spokes and measured approximately two meters in height. The wagon bin was made of metal and measured about 1½ m. sq. Although the wagon was manufactured in the USSR, it was German style.
4. Battalion mobile kitchens consisted of one large wagon and another smaller wagon, both of which had two kettles. These wagons were towed by a ZIS-150 truck. These mobile kitchens were also German style but of Soviet manufacture. Dimensions and design of the larger wagon approximated that of the company mobile kitchen wagons.

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5. The actual cooking was done in the battalion kitchen where the companies came to draw hot rations. To keep the food hot while it was being taken to the company area, a fire was made in the bin underneath the kettles of the company wagons. A team of horses was used to tow the wagons. Battalions had five cooks; companies had none. The number of cooks in the regiment totaled 18. Personnel of artillery battalions were usually divided among the infantry battalions for rations. Other organic company-size units were fed by the regimental kitchens.

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